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(Item 4 (a))

Section 2
General Assembly affairs and conference services

1. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 17 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (sect. 2)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 2 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the reform measures undertaken by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in New York and for the intentions of the Department management to undertake, in consultation with the management of regional headquarters, a comprehensive management review of the conference services at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi. Further steps in the introduction of new technologies should be actively pursued by the Department in order to achieve greater efficiency, productivity and quality of services.

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4. Improvements in the results-based presentation, such as the introduction of targets for performance measurement, were welcomed. It was pointed out that many of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements did not fully reflect the changes being pursued. Some of the performance indicators were subjective, especially where surveys were used, and not always sufficiently interrelated, in particular between areas of executive direction and management and programme of work. It was important to reflect the need to improve productivity and efficiency and to assess cost-effectiveness. In the meantime, concern regarding the need to comply with the existing workload standards was expressed. The lack of targets and measurements for past bienniums with respect to some of the indicators of achievement was noted. Views were expressed that some of the identified external factors were in fact internal and, as such, their management was within the prerogative of the Secretary-General. Efforts by the Department to identify outputs that were of obsolete, marginal usefulness and ineffective in nature were noted. It was suggested that records of proceedings could also be subject to such review.

5. Views were expressed that the proposals for integration of the secretariats of the Fifth and Sixth Committees into the Department and the discontinuation of the production of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* had not been mandated and that those proposals would require further review and action by the General Assembly. It was also noted that the integration of the secretariat of the Sixth Committee under section 2 had not yet been accepted by members of the Sixth Committee. Views supporting the integration were also voiced. It was further noted that the proposals in relation to library activities made in the context of section 2 were not in line with directives of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. The suggestion was made that those activities would be better placed in section 28 of the proposed programme budget.

6. It was noted that the budget proposal made no provision for conference-servicing of legislative organs of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa. Views were expressed that the United Nations had a continuing commitment to provide such services to the Conventions within the context of the institutional linkage between the United Nations and the Conventions initially endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/115 of 20 December 1995 and 52/198 of 18 December 1997, respectively.

7. Views were expressed that the issue of a comprehensive solution for providing conference services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States had not been addressed within the proposed programme and that the relevant proposals had yet to be submitted by the Secretary-General in line with provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/283 B of 15 April 2003.

8. The efforts by the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Office at Nairobi in the context of section 2 were noted. A view was expressed that those efforts should continue on a consistent and comprehensive basis in line with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee took note of the proposal to integrate the technical secretariats of the Fifth and Sixth Committees into the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the United Nations Secretariat, and recommended that the proposal be further considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.**

10. **With regard to paragraph 2.5, the Committee observed that the proposal concerning the library services should be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

11. **The Committee noted that measures to improve the performance of conference-servicing that are being implemented at Headquarters, consequent to an internal comprehensive review of Headquarters and the adoption of General Assembly resolutions 57/283 B of 15 April 2003 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002, are intended to be applied to other duty stations, and recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to proceed accordingly, in accordance with his proposal set out in paragraph 2.7 of section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

12. **The Committee urged that the quality of the services provided by the Department be improved and that this concern be better reflected in the proposed expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. Concerning subprogramme 4, Interpretation, meeting and publishing services, General Assembly and conference management, New York, in paragraph 2.43, in particular, the Committee regretted the absence of indicators of achievement and performance measures relating to the timeliness of production and distribution of parliamentary documentation in the six official languages of the Organization.**

13. **The Committee noted with concern the lack of supporting narrative for the upward reclassifications of staff proposed in this section.**

14. **The Committee noted that while many of the measures being taken are aimed at improving efficiency and productivity, few of the expected accomplishments and none of the indicators of achievement refer to efficiency or productivity improvements.**

15. **The Committee noted the statement in table 2.46, under actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, that the Department monitors performance of language staff in relation to present workload standards, and recommends that, pending the adoption of new workload standards, this information be provided to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session and in future, in the context of its consideration of the programme budget.**

16. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, with the following modifications:**

Tables 2.15, 2.17, 2.19, 2.22, 2.24, 2.26, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

Add the entry "Increased productivity" both under *Expected accomplishments* and under *Indicators of achievement* preceded by the appropriate letter, with the entries above lettered or re-lettered accordingly.

Table 2.9

(a) Under *Expected accomplishments*, add the following entry:

"(c) Improvement of conference service performance in New York and all other duty stations";

(b) Add the following entry under *Indicators of achievement*:

"(c) (i) Optimization of use of technology in key processes;

"(ii) Updated proposals for workload standards, efficiency and related performance indicators;

"(iii) Issuance of updated bulletins of the Secretary-General that set out the relationship between Headquarters and conference-servicing units in other duty stations".

Table 2.13

(a) Delete footnote "(a)" and under *Objective*, in the first sentence, after the words "Second and Third Committees", delete footnote indicator "a";

(b) Under *Indicators of achievement*, add the following entry: "(iii) Presentation in time of documents with full respect for the six-week rule".

Tables 2.17, 2.19, 2.24, 2.26, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

Under *Indicators of achievement* (*Performance measures*), replace the phrase "2004-2005: to be determined" with the phrase "2004-2005: 90 per cent to be determined".

Tables 2.15, 2.22, 2.31 and 2.39

(a) Under *Expected accomplishments*, add the following entry and re-letter the previous entries accordingly:

"(c) Improvement in the timeliness of the production and distribution of parliamentary documentation in the six official languages of the Organization";

(b) Under *Indicators of achievements*, add the following entry and re-letter the previous entries accordingly:

"The amount and percentage of parliamentary documentation produced and distributed in the six official languages of the Organization within established deadlines".

Paragraph 2.33 (a) (ii) d

Add the following activity element: "iii. Meetings of regional and other major groupings on the basis of existing practice, bearing in mind further

consideration of this issue by the General Assembly during its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with resolution 57/283 B".

Table 2.15

Under *Indicators of achievement*, within the text of indicator of achievement (a), after the words "relevant rules", add the words ", especially the six-week rule for present documents".

Table 2.17

Under *Indicators of achievement*, add the following indicator:

"(b) "Presentation of documentation on time, observing the six-week rule" and letter the preceding indicator "(a)".

Paragraph 2.43

In the third sentence, after the words "Official Documents System (ODS)", add the words ", without negatively affecting the quality of services provided and the quantity of documents required by Member States".

Paragraph 2.45 (b)

Add the following output:

"(vi) Meetings of regional and other major groupings on the basis of existing practice, bearing in mind further consideration of this issue by the General Assembly during its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with resolution 57/283 B".

Paragraph 2.46

In the third sentence, after the phrase "amounting to $459,200", add the phrase ", without negatively affecting the quality of services provided and the quantity of documents required by Member States".

Tables 2.22, 2.31 and 2.39

Under *Indicators of achievement*, within the text of indicator of achievement (a), after the words "in accordance with relevant rules", add the words ", in particular regarding the six-week rule for issuance and distribution of parliamentary documentation simultaneously in the six official languages".

Tables 2.24, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

(a) **Under *Expected accomplishments*, add the following entry:**

"(b) Presentation of documentation in time, observing the six-week rule", and letter the previous expected accomplishment "(a)";

(b) **Under *Indicators of achievement*, add the following entry:**

"(b) The degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States with the presentation of the documentation in time", and letter the previous indicator of achievement "(a)".

17. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly consider at its fifty-eighth session the issue of conference-servicing for the legislative organs of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa.

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Section 3
Political affairs

1. At its eleventh and xxth meetings, on 17 June and xx July 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect.3)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 3 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The view was expressed that the work of the Department of Political Affairs was central to, and the core of, the foundation of the United Nations. Views were expressed in support of actions geared towards the prevention, control and resolution of conflicts. It was pointed out that the international community had expectations for more concrete action in future to prevent, control and resolve conflicts.

4. The Committee welcomed the Secretary-General's intention to focus on the reinforcement of the United Nations conflict-prevention capacity. The Committee also recognized that strengthening cooperation with regional organizations on

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conflict prevention would contribute to effective implementation by the Department of Political Affairs of its mandate.

5. In that regard, it was underlined that cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations would greatly contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and to peacemaking and peace-building.

6. Appreciation and support were expressed for the valuable work carried out by the Department in the areas of electoral assistance. Support was also expressed to encourage the development of benchmarks for electoral processes. The view was expressed that the utmost efforts should be made to respond in a positive manner to all requests from Member States for electoral assistance.

7. Support was expressed for the work of the Department to service and support the work of the Security Council. It was pointed out that the responsibility of the Department to service and support the work of the Security Council had changed considerably with the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism. Support was expressed for strengthening the Counter-Terrorism Committee and for it to play a leading role in the fight against international terrorism.

8. The view was expressed that the Palestinian people continued to need international assistance in the economic, social and political areas. The view was also expressed that resources devoted to the activities relating to the question of Palestine should be redeployed and redirected to activities that would directly contribute to the well-being of the Palestinian people.

9. Support was expressed for the activities carried out by the United Nations with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Support was expressed for regular consultations among the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the Implementation of Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the administering Powers and the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The view was also expressed that periodic visiting missions to the Non-Self-Governing Territories by delegations of the Special Committee were not needed.

10. The view was further expressed that the Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process continued to play an important role both by itself, and as part of the Quartet, in promoting the Middle East peace process. It was also recognized that the Special Coordinator would continue to play an important role in implementing the proposals of the "road map" for a permanent and peaceful resolution of the conflict between the Israeli and the Palestinian people.

11. The Committee underlined the need that Member States be kept up-to-date on the work of the United Nations Special Coordinator in support of the Middle East Peace Process, in particular, through press releases on the web page and the continued practice of monthly briefings to the Security Council.

12. It was indicated that some of the expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, performance measures and external factors were not clear and therefore needed further refinement. It was also pointed out that the reference to the discontinuation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* should not have been reflected in the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005 without a specific decision by the General Assembly.

13. The Committee drew attention to a provision in Security Council resolution 1483 (2003) concerning the appointment of a Special Representative for Iraq that was not included in the proposed programme budget.

Conclusions and recommendations

14. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the modifications and recommendations appearing below.

15. The Committee took note of section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and emphasized the need for the programme managers of this section to comply with Regulation 5.6 and Rule 105.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

Overview

16. **Para. 3.7: After the words "for further change (A/57/387)", add the words "approved in paragraph 26 of General Assembly resolution 57/300".**

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17. **Para. 3.16: In the fourth sentence, delete the words "the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait".**

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts

Table 3.13
Indicators of achievement

18. **At the end of indicator of achievement (i), add the words "through peaceful means".**

19. **In indicator of achievement (ii), after the words "in which", add the words "conflicts or situations of conflict exist, and in which".**

20. **In indicator of achievement (ii), delete the words "including in cooperation with partners" and the surrounding punctuation.**

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

21. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat ensure prompt and full consideration of requests by Member States for electoral assistance on the basis of the provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

Subprogramme 3
Security Council affairs

22. **The Committee recommended that the development of the integrated information database on the activities of the Security Council be expedited.**

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Table 3.19
Expected accomplishments

23. **After the words "Non-Self-Governing Territories" at the end of expected accomplishment (a), add the words "in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations".**

Table 3.19
Indicators of achievement

24. **Include as an indicator of achievement the following: "The effectiveness of servicing provided to the Special Committee, its seminars and the General Assembly; the effectiveness of research and analytical studies and reports on conditions in the Territories; and the effectiveness of publicity campaigns".**

Table 3.19
Objective 2

25. **After the words "Non-Self-Governing Territories" at the end of objective 2, add the words "in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations".**

External factors, paragraph 3.44, subparagraph (d)

26. **Replace the text of subparagraph (d) with the following text: "the administering Powers will cooperate with the Special Committee in the implementation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations".**

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

27. **Para. 3.47: In the last sentence, after the words "international legitimacy", insert the words "and legality".**

28. **Para. 3.47: At the end of the paragraph, add the words "in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions".**

Table 3.21
Indicators of achievement

29. **In indicator of achievement (i), delete the words "as evidenced by the voting on the relevant resolutions".**

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Table 3.25
Indicators of achievement

30. **In indicators of achievement (b) (i) and (ii), delete the word "incontrovertible".**

31. **The Committee recommended that the Department of Political Affairs formulate more precise, measurable indicators of achievement, since it did not believe that numbers of meetings constitute a meaningful indicator of achievement.**

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Section 4
Disarmament

1. At its 12th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 4)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 4 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the presentation of the programme narrative of section 4 in the results-based budget format. The Committee also expressed its appreciation of the efforts being made by the Department of Disarmament Affairs in the field of disarmament. Support was particularly expressed for the Department's work on weapons of mass destruction, without diminishing its work on illicit small arms and light weapons. It was observed that more substantiation is required for the new tasks under subprogramme 2, specifically the likelihood of additional conferences on weapons of mass destruction, the implementation of the recommendations of the Policy Working Group on Terrorism and additional mandates from the General Assembly. It was also observed that there is no clear

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justification for the increase in the resources being requested. A similar observation was made regarding subprogramme 5 on the increased projection of projects, consultants, activities and events related to regional disarmament.

4. The view was expressed that improvements should be made to strengthen the subprogramme related to peace and security and greater support should be given to the field of information technology and web site development; and that the necessary capacity to carry out the Department's mandate should be backed by corresponding resources.

5. It was noted that funding for the activities at Headquarters will increase despite a constant level of staffing and accordingly, there may not be a clear need for the increase in resources. The view was expressed that if the Conference on Disarmament continues to remain deadlocked on agreeing to a work programme, subprogramme 1, with its constant staffing levels will be a logical area to seek reductions.

6. Reference was made to General Assembly resolution 57/65, on the relationship between disarmament and development, and the reason for its omission in the programme narrative. The view was expressed that discontinuation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and of the outputs was not entirely within the thrust of the ninth preambular paragraph of resolution 57/24 on the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and resolution 57/300 on the strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change.

7. Queries were raised on the termination of outputs, as well as justifications for the proposed increase in the number of posts and whether redeployment options had been explored. The view was expressed that paragraph 4.38 omitted references to outputs emanating from the fourth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to disarmament. In connection with the regional centres, concern was expressed that the external factor indicated in paragraph 4.42 (c), which read, "extrabudgetary funding will be pledged and contributed on time (this factor may prove to be critical in the light of apparently falling contributions to the regional centres)", may affect the delivery of the respective mandates.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative on section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications.**

9. **The Committee recognizes the importance of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community.**

10. **In paragraph 4.39, replace the seventh to ninth lines after the words "mandated by the General Assembly:" with "compilation of information on measures taken by Member States and international organizations to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction; make accessible to Member States information on national legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual use of goods and technology;".**

11. **The Committee took note that general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control remains the ultimate goal of all efforts exerted in the field of disarmament, and that weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be the primary concern.**

12. **The Committee recommended that the Department provide further information to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the increased requirement for web site management given the expected increase of just 10 web site users per day described in table 4.16.**

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Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 12th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 5 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Speakers expressed appreciation for the efforts being made to improve the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations Secretariat to address a wide variety of conflict situations; and to plan, establish, manage and direct existing and future peacekeeping operations. Improvements in the capacity and structure should be backed by corresponding resources. In terms of the implementation of the results-based budget, some improvements still needed to be made: it was evident that while progress had been made in the results-based presentation, indicators of achievement could be refined further in order to better assess performance. The expected accomplishments for executive direction and management should set more specific management outcomes. The desirability of

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having a performance indicator with respect to geographical representation of staff was pointed out.

4. It was pointed out that in paragraph 3.3 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1) it had been stated that special attention would also be given to an increased understanding and recognition of gender issues and geographical balance in peacekeeping operations; and that in paragraph 5.5 in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, this important element of equitable geographical distribution had disappeared. In this connection, the view was expressed that such important elements of the medium-term plan should be included in the narrative of the programme budget, and that in table 5.9, entitled "Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures", expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement should be amended in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the medium-term plan.

5. Concerns were expressed regarding the identification of a number of external factors. The view was expressed that some of the external factors were in fact internal, while others were outside the control of the Secretariat. In that connection, references were made to the external factors noted in paragraphs 5.29 and 5.39.

6. On the overview of the section, the view was expressed that the first sentence and the last two sentences of paragraph 5.9 should be deleted; and that the paragraph should include only the second sentence, which would be amended to read: "The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, noted that the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/57/387 and Corr.1) to transfer the functions and resources of the Cartographic Section from the Department of Public Information to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations should be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005."

7. Under executive direction and management, it was noted that the text of paragraph 5.22 could be reformulated to exactly match table 5.10. It may be useful, therefore, to combine the first two sentences by inserting the word "and" between the words "Secretary-General" and "non-post resources".

8. On subprogramme 1, Operations, it was noted that the performance measures between 2002-2003 and 2004-2005 reflected no change. The view was expressed that the time required to complete the mission-planning process in line with Security Council demands could be accelerated to less than 10 weeks. The view was expressed that the period should be shortened as much as possible. Queries were also raised why only 80 per cent of the benchmarks would be met by the mission in mandate implementation within the existing time frame. Clarification was sought on when the remaining 20 per cent of the benchmark would be met.

9. With respect to paragraph 5.26, the view was expressed that the first two sentences and the last two sentences could be deleted; and that the paragraph should read: "The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, noted the proposal of the Secretary-General to transfer the functions and resources of the Cartographic Section from the Department of Public Information to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, while maintaining the services currently provided to users outside the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and decided to consider the proposal in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium

2004-2005." A question was raised about the benefits that would be derived from the transfer of the Cartographic Section.

10. On subprogramme 2, Mission support, it was noted that the formulation of indicators of achievement and performance measures were well laid out and demonstrated a progression from one biennium to the other. It was suggested that that presentation should be followed in the other subprogrammes of the Department. The importance of a more rapid liquidation process and timely settling of claims of troop-contributing countries was emphasized. The decision to include these indicators of achievement under subprogramme 2 was lauded, as they were essential for the participation of developing countries in future peacekeeping operations.

11. The Department was commended for its thoroughness in respect of the process of filling posts and it was stated that priority should be given to staff from troop-contributing countries, since they contributed to the work of peacekeeping.

12. In respect of subprogramme 3, Military and civilian police advice and planning, the efforts to enhance the security and safety of peacekeepers in the field were welcomed. Enhancing United Nations capacity to deploy peacekeeping operations within 30 days, or 90 days, was necessary; however, it was dependent on three critical and interdependent aspects of rapid deployment, namely, personnel, materiel readiness and funding.

13. The need for continued dialogue between the Department and Member States on how to further improve the rapid deployment capacity of the military, civilian police and civilian components of peacekeeping operations was recognized.

14. The view was expressed that the performance measures in table 5.16 could be improved by indicating the number of Member States that had enlisted in the standby arrangements and by reflecting the overall percentage use of the mechanism.

15. In respect of subprogramme 4, Mine action coordination, queries were raised on the link between the indicator of achievement and the expected accomplishment presented in table 5.18. It was pointed out, however, that lower requirements for inter-agency assessment missions did result from reduction of the threat posed by landmines and unexploded ordnance in affected countries.

16. Under programme support, the view was expressed that item (b) of the third sentence of paragraph 5.43 should be deleted since the proposal contained therein was contrary to the provision of General Assembly resolution 57/24 of 19 November 2002.

17. In connection with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), it was pointed out that the mandate of the mission was to report on the instances of non-compliance by the parties to the ceasefire and peace agreements. The indicators of achievement in table 5.23 should therefore indicate how effectively UNTSO responded to instances of non-compliance by the parties to the ceasefire and peace agreements and to the incidents in the area of separation/Blue Line. As to the indicator of achievement for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) in table 5.27, it should indicate how effectiveness and efficiency would be improved.

18. Concern was expressed in connection with the request of UNTSO for delayed furniture and equipment purchases for the mission. It was noted that UNTSO had

operated without those expenditures and had not made a convincing case for their being necessary.

19. In connection with UNMOGIP, it was observed that the proposal in paragraph 5.58 providing an explanation of the increase under non-post objects of expenditure did not respond to a legislative mandate. It was pointed out that the increase in expenditures was related to enhanced security measures of the United Nations personnel and was consistent with the overall increase in the expenditures of peacekeeping operations in that regard.

Conclusions and recommendations

20. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Paragraph 5.5

(a) Before the last sentence, insert the following sentence: "The Department will also continue to improve representation of underrepresented and unrepresented Member States in future recruitment";

(b) In the fifth sentence, delete the word "also";

Table 5.9

(a) Under expected accomplishment (c), after the phrase "gender issues", insert the phrase "and their geographical balance";

(b) Under indicator of achievement (c), after the phrase "gender issues", insert the phrase "and their geographical balance".

Table 5.12

(a) Under indicator of achievement (i): performance measure: target 2004-2005, replace the phrase "10 weeks" with the phrase "8 weeks";

(b) Under indicator of achievement (ii): performance measure: target 2004-2005, replace the phrase "80 per cent of benchmarks" with the phrase "100 per cent of benchmarks within expected time frame".

Table 5.14

Under indicator of achievement (b) (ii): performance measure: target 2004-2005, replace the phrase "6 months" with the phrase "4 months".

Table 5.16

(a) For indicator of achievement (a) (ii), reword the text to read: "An increase in the number of Member States with which the Secretariat has concluded standby arrangements";

(b) Under indicator of achievement (b), reword the performance measures to read:

"2000-2001: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing the United Nations Standby Arrangements System (UNSAS) and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list"

"Estimate 2002-2003: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing UNSAS and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list"

"Target 2004-2005: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing UNSAS and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list".

Paragraph 5.29

Delete paragraph 5.29.

Paragraph 5.39

Replace paragraph 5.39 with the following: "The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the Mine Action Service receives an adequate level of resources to respond to General Assembly and Security Council mandates."

21. **The Committee emphasized the need for programme managers of this section to comply with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).**

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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Item 4 (a)

Programme 6
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 14th meeting, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 6)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 6 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The view was expressed that outer space activities had a great potential to contribute to improving our lives and protecting the Earth's environment. The view was also expressed that it was very important to approach international cooperation activities from a long-term, global perspective in order to make contributions that would benefit all of society, and that people everywhere, not only those living in countries that conduct them, should enjoy the benefits of space activities. In this context, it was stated that priority should be given to activities related to expected accomplishment (b) in table 6.5.

4. It was noted that space technology is important in bridging the gap between developed and developing countries by exposing developing countries to the most

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advanced technology available. In this regard, the view was expressed that the question of increased social and economic benefits for developing countries resulting from the implementation of some of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), especially in the areas of desertification and prevention and assistance in relation to diseases and disasters, stated as expected accomplishment (c) of table 6.5, also needed the balanced attention of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

5. Disappointment was expressed that the Office did not propose the discontinuation of any outputs for the biennium 2004-2005. The Committee was informed that the Office had indeed reviewed and identified a number of outputs to be discontinued.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

7. **The Committee also recommended that the Office for Outer Space Affairs continue to review its programme of work and, where applicable, make further proposals on the possible streamlining of meetings for consideration by the relevant intergovernmental bodies.**

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Section 8
Legal affairs

1. At its 12th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 8)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 8 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the high quality of outputs delivered and efficiency of services provided by the Office of Legal Affairs, particularly online treaty database services, web sites and the work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

4. Satisfaction was expressed with the overall quality of the presentation of the proposed programme budget of section 8 and particularly for the well-formulated and measurable expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. The Committee welcomed the review of outputs by the Office and proposed deletion of 127 outputs in the biennium 2004-2005 which are obsolete or of marginal impact.

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5. Satisfaction was also expressed in support of the budget proposal, especially the high degree of flexibility it offered in terms of rationalization of resources to meet the new challenges arising from the shifts in priorities. The proposed redeployments in the Treaty Section to strengthen the work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and the General Legal Division were welcomed, as was the proposed strengthening of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

6. The Committee noted the work done by the Office in following the recommendations presented in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of legal affairs (E/AC.51/2002/5). Satisfaction was expressed in particular with the proposed actions taken to implement recommendation 15 in table 8.23, which addressed the need to review the resource requirements of UNCITRAL arising from the expanded number of working groups. However, the Committee expressed concern at the lack of policy, precision and time frame offered for recommendation 4 (b) regarding legal assistance provided to peacekeeping operations and other missions.

7. Concern was expressed at the proposed reductions in certain functions and the impact those reductions would have in particular for subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law, and subprogramme 6, Custody, registration and publication of treaties. The view was expressed that the resource requirements for the Administrative Tribunal should be reflected in another part of the proposed programme budget to ensure its independence. The view was also expressed that section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, might perhaps be a more indicative location for the resources for the Administrative Tribunal. The Committee was informed that the resources for the Tribunal were included in section 8 only for administrative purposes and that the interaction between the Office of Legal Affairs and the Tribunal related entirely to administrative matters. The Committee was further informed that the Office of Legal Affairs respected the independence of the Tribunal and therefore there were no discussions on the substantive aspects of its work. Concern was also expressed at the delay, backlogs and level of effectiveness of the Administrative Tribunal.

8. Regarding the possible reconvening in 2004 and 2005 of an ad hoc Committee to consider a convention to ban human cloning, concern was expressed that the budget fascicle did not indicate that adequate resources had been provided.

9. The view was expressed that as the United Nations was not affiliated with the International Criminal Court, resources under the regular budget should not be used for any activities related to the International Criminal Court.

10. With respect to subprogramme 1, it was pointed out that while it was appropriate for the Office of Legal Affairs to advise bodies that were part of the United Nations system on "formulation of statements of public international law and analysis of specific legal issues", it was not the mandate of the Office to provide such advice to other governmental institutions, non-governmental institutions and the public. The view was expressed that, in working within its mandate, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea should not interpret the practices and norms of States regarding the law of the sea. The Secretariat gave assurances that its actions did not involve making value judgements and that the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea delivered technical assistance upon request of Member States.

11. The view was also expressed that the consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea was not "newly established"; instead, it had met annually for the past three years. It was therefore not a basis or justification for the growth in the budget of this programme.

12. On subprogramme 5, Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade, queries were raised on the methods regarding the in-depth collection of data for the formulated indicators of achievement reflected in table 8.18. The Committee was assured that the Office of Legal Affairs had established methods for collecting the necessary statistical data to enable the department to determine an accurate measurement of performance corresponding to each of the indicators of achievement.

13. Views were expressed that the proposals to integrate the secretariat of the Sixth Committee into the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and to discontinue the production of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* were not entirely within the thrust of decisions taken by the General Assembly in its resolutions 57/283 B of 15 April 2003 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002, and that those proposals would require further review and action by the Assembly. It was also noted that the integration of the secretariat of the Sixth Committee under section 2 had not yet been accepted by members of the Sixth Committee, who were still consulting with the Secretariat in that regard, and accordingly there should be no redeployments of resources to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management nor should there have been reductions related to the discontinuation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the recurrent outputs. On the other hand, views were expressed in support of the proposals with the indication that the integration of the Sixth Committee secretariat into the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management could be beneficial for Member States.

14. With reference to external factors, the Committee noted that reliance on technology was not an external factor. Therefore, paragraph 8.50 (c) was not representative of an external factor.

Conclusions and recommendations

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Paragraph 8.3

16. **Under paragraph 8.3, before the words "registers and publishes treaties", insert as an objective "assists Member States regarding implementation of the international legal order for seas and oceans as well as the law of treaties".**

Paragraph 8.12

17. **Rephrase the third task of the Division to read "The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea should provide services for the effective application of the international judicial order of the sea and the ocean, thus helping in the understanding, acceptance and consequent application of the**

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982) and the related agreements."

Paragraph 8.31 (b) (ix)

18. **At the end of the paragraph, insert "meeting the requests of Governments on questions relating to international public law through the relevant subsidiary organs in accordance with the existing practice".**

Table 8.14

19. **Under Indicators of achievement (a) (iv), rephrase the *Performance measures* for 2000-2001, Estimate 2002-2003 and Target 2004-2005 to read "1 week, observing the 6-week rule for documentation".**

Paragraph 8.39 (a) (v)

20. **Replace the title "Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Legal Instruments for the Prevention of Terrorist Acts" with "Ad Hoc Committee established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996".**

Paragraph 8.39 (b) (i)

21. **Under Recurrent publications, include "and *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2002, volumes I and II (General Assembly resolution 987 (X), judgements, advisory opinions, consultations and orders of the International Court of Justice)".**

Table 8.18

22. **Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (a), add a new subparagraph (ix) reading "Higher number of international transactions and higher volume of international debt trade carried out under the regime of UNCITRAL".**

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Section 9
Economic and social affairs

1. At its 13th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 9)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 9 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work programme. The inclusion of follow-up activities to the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development was welcomed.

4. The view was expressed that the structure of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs appeared to be based on the proposals of the Secretary-General relating to the reform process as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/300.

5. The view was expressed that support of intergovernmental processes, particularly the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies was the key mandate of the Department and should be its

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overwhelming focus. Noting that technical cooperation was the primary responsibility of funds and programmes and the relevant specialized agencies, the view was expressed that the support that the Department provides to technical cooperation (under sections 9 and 23) should be selective, maximize impact in areas within its mandate and be related and without detriment to its analytical responsibilities in support of the intergovernmental processes.

6. The view was expressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women, were broad and vague. The view was also expressed that indicator of achievement (g) (i) in table 9.12, under subprogramme 2, on the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol was not representative of the progress made by the international community in the area of advancement of women.

7. The view was expressed that the performance measures of indicator of achievement (c) in table 9.16 would more appropriately be classified as outputs as they would not measure the impact of increased awareness.

8. Views were expressed in support of the reforms called for by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session. It was considered that the work programme did not appear to incorporate the recommendations made by the Commission, hence there was a need to assess and address the means of implementation of such decisions. Views were expressed that the Secretariat should ensure that the themes of the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development considered at its eleventh session were reflected in the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005. The view was expressed that too much emphasis had been placed on partnership and strengthening of the Commission in table 9.16, whereas other elements of the achievements of the World Summit, such as, in particular, the commitments of Member States to implement the agreements on sustainable development, were not mentioned.

9. Appreciation was expressed for the focus of activities by subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, in implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the view was expressed that the Division for Sustainable Development should continue to focus on how it could best facilitate and catalyse the follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, particularly through the mechanism of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Division could best do that by strengthening its role as a "process expert". Appreciation was expressed for the support provided by the subprogramme for the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

10. Views were expressed that the proposed structure and resources for the new Financing for Development Office was inadequate. The Monterrey Consensus, a Member State-driven event, was the single most successful development conference outcome in United Nations history. It was further noted that the Conference on Financing for Development made a decision not to create a new commission to follow up the conference but to give the key role to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that because there has been no agreement on holding a major Beijing-plus-10 event (officially "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women), all non-mandated activities for the event be removed from the proposed programme budget.

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly note with appreciation the efforts of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to implement reforms in terms of identifying activities to be discontinued.

13. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly urge that the programme budget reflect the outcomes of the Commission on Sustainable Development in the specific subprogrammes.

14. The Committee recommended that all references to "Millennium Development Goals" be replaced with "internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 55/2) and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992".

15. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the 2004-2005 biennium, subject to the modifications set out below.

Paragraph 9.3

In the first sentence, insert "and social" after the words "sustained economic".

Table 9.12

Under indicator of achievement (a) (iii), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" at the end of the text.

Under expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with the words "all countries" after the words "that assist".

Under indicator of achievement (d) (iii), insert, after the words "gender balance", the words "taking into account the provisions of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations".

Under indicator of achievement (f), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" at the end of the text.

Table 9.16

Expected accomplishment (a) should read: "Effective implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development at all levels, including, inter alia, through partnership initiatives according to the modalities agreed upon at the Commission on Sustainable Development that support implementation of the commitments agreed at the World Summit".

In expected accomplishment (b), delete the words "in all activities of sustainable development".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following:

> **"Progress in the achievement of United Nations objectives and goals on sustainable and in particular those related to water, sanitation and human settlements, and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production".**

Replace expected accomplishment (e) with the following:

> **"Enabling the Commission on Sustainable Development to effectively review and facilitate partnerships that support the implementation of Agenda 21, Rio+5 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation".**

Replace indicator of achievement (e) with the following:

> **"Provision of information and summary reports on partnerships in a transparent, participatory and credible manner, according to the procedures which were agreed upon in the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session".**

Insert in expected accomplishment (f) after the words "in particular" the words "North-South and".

Table 9.22

Insert a new expected accomplishment (f) to read:

> **"Improved access by Governments and international bodies to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies, such as economic sanctions, imposition of coercive economic measures, the relationship between disarmament and development and relevant aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction".**

Insert a new indicator of achievement (f) and corresponding performance measures to read:

> **"Feedback from Member States on their access to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies**
>
> **"*Performance measures*:**
>
> **2000-2001: to be determined**
>
> **Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined**
>
> **Target 2004-2005: to be determined".**

Table 9.30

In expected accomplishment (a), delete the word "multi-stakeholder".

Replace the text of expected accomplishment (e) with the following:

> **"Enhanced capacity of Governments, in particular that of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate actively in the financing for development process".**

Add new expected accomplishment (f) to read:

"Fuller engagement of Governments to ensure proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference and to continue to build bridges between development, finance and trade organizations and initiatives within the framework of the holistic agenda of the Conference".

Add new indicator of achievement (f) to read:

"Feedback from Member States on the contribution of the subprogramme to the fuller engagement of Governments in the follow-up to the implementation of the outcome of the Conference".

Add corresponding new *Performance measures*:

"2000-2001: not available

Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined

Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

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Section 10
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 13th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 10)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 10 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Full support was expressed for the activities of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. The view was expressed that the Office should focus on mobilizing international support, promoting global awareness with respect to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States and reporting at the global level on the implementation of the programmes of action. The clarity of the document was welcomed.

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4. It was recognized that since the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States was a newly established office, no output was proposed for discontinuation. However, the need to present outputs for deletion in the future proposed programme budgets of the Office was underlined.

5. The importance of the success of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, which will be held in Almaty in August 2003, was emphasized. It was recalled that the International Ministerial Conference would be the first United Nations international conference to address the needs of the landlocked developing countries. Its follow-up should become a priority.

6. The establishment of the web site of the Office, which provides information on its activities, was welcomed.

7. The view was expressed that paragraph 10.3, which gives a snapshot of the activities of the Office, should focus more on the logical framework.

8. The view was expressed that very close coordination should be developed between the Office and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in respect of activities related to small island developing States.

9. It was noted that the expected accomplishment (table 10.5) was referring to the three programmes of action as a whole. It was considered that it would have been preferable to have one specific indicator for each programme of action.

10. The view was expressed that the indicators of achievement should be revised to reflect the main function of the Office: to mobilize resources and coordinate among other agencies in the United Nations system helping the least developed countries. The stated performance measures lacked well-defined activities and clear indicators for measuring progress.

11. It was stated that the external factor (b) in paragraph 10.14, "all partners respect the commitments set out in the programmes of action", was not a valid external factor.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications.**

Paragraph 10.1

At the end of the paragraph, add the following sentence: "In addition, the programme is responsible for the provision of effective follow-up support to the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, taking fully into account the relevant outcomes of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and General Assembly resolution 57/262 relating to the convening of an international meeting in Mauritius in 2004 to undertake a

full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States."

Paragraph 10.4

(a) In the first sentence, after the words "Transport Cooperation and the", insert the words "further implementation of the".

(b) In the third sentence, after the words "Department of Economic and Social Affairs", insert the words "the regional commissions and the South Centre".

Table 10.5

(a) Under *Objective*, in the first sentence, replace the words "progress towards the achievement of" with the word "realize";

(b) Under *Expected accomplishments*, at the end of the paragraph, add the words: "and the relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Paragraph 10.14 (d)

After the words "political situation", replace the word "of" with the word "in".

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Section 11
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 13th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 11 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Full support was expressed for the activities to be carried out under section 11 with the new mandate, as set out in General Assembly resolutions 57/2, 57/7 and 57/300. It was noted with appreciation that under subprogramme 2, the role of the regional, subregional and national institutions and structures had been recognized.

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4. It was noted that the priority of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa should be to facilitate the implementation of the commitments made towards development.

5. The view was expressed that the external factor (b) under subprogramme 1 should be deleted since resolution 57/7 calls on the United Nations system to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

6. It was emphasized that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa should be adequately funded, as requested in resolution 57/300, paragraph 26.

7. It was mentioned that the media outlets for dissemination of information on Africa should not be restricted to those in Europe, North America and Africa. The cooperation of media outlets in other parts of the world should also be sought.

8. There was a general view on the need for coordination, collaboration and coherence in support of the implementation of NEPAD.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Paragraph 11.16

Replace the text of external factor (b) with the following text: "the agencies of the United Nations system collaborate and coordinate their activities in a coherent and effective manner".

Delete the word "and" before (d) and add a new external factor (e): "all stakeholders implement their financial pledges and other commitments to support NEPAD".

Table 11.10

Under expected accomplishment (a), insert "academic institutions," before "the media".

10. **The Committee reiterated that the United Nations system should continue to support NEPAD strongly at the national, regional and global levels, including through the newly established Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, mandated in General Assembly resolution 57/300, in order to impact positively on the implementation of NEPAD.**

11. **The Committee also emphasized that the three subprogrammes submitted should enhance the coordination of constructive partnerships in a holistic and integrated socio-economic initiative for the development of Africa.**

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Section 12
Trade and development

1. At its 14th and 15th meetings, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 12, Trade and development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 12)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 12 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The change of emphasis in the programme of work and the change in priorities in favour of subprogrammes 2 and 3 were noted with appreciation. The efforts made by UNCTAD to foster international trade and development, and its contributions to the implementation of the World Trade Organization Doha work programme, as well as to the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, were acknowledged. Special interest was shown in the activities related to capacity-building and enhancement of institutions and human resources in the domain of

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trade. However, the view was expressed that the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 12.6 was inappropriate since some Member States did not agree to these goals.

4. The important role of UNCTAD in the area of technical cooperation, and its attention to sustainable development and debt management, were recalled. Reference was made to the assistance provided by UNCTAD to countries with economies in transition to support their integration into the world economy.

5. Support was expressed for the theme retained for the eleventh session of UNCTAD, namely, "Enhancing coherence between national development strategies and global economic processes towards economic growth and development, particularly of developing countries" and for the preparatory work related to this conference.

6. The view was expressed that every effort should be made to avoid duplication of activities between UNCTAD and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, as regards the work on least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States. Concern was expressed that some outputs had been proposed for discontinuation as a result of the establishment of the Office. In particular, it was regretted that the advisory services referred to in paragraph 11A.43 (a) and (d) of A/56/6 (Sect. 11A) were proposed for discontinuation, taking into account the importance of such services in assisting the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in their efforts to be integrated into the international economy.

7. The efforts to carry out reforms including streamlining of management processes and enhancing capacity for programme delivery, and reducing the number of publications, were recognized.

8. The improvements in the result-based-budgeting narrative were acknowledged. However, the view was expressed that the indicators of achievements could be further sharpened. As an example, under subprogramme 1A, indicator (a) was thought not to be very clear. It was also stated that the indicators of achievement (a) (i) and (a) (ii), under subprogramme 5, should be revised to show the progress or the impact of the actions carried out.

9. It was suggested that the South-South Centre should be added to the list of the institutions and specialized agencies with which UNCTAD was cooperating (paragraph 12.12).

10. It was noted that the General Assembly, in its resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001, had called upon the Secretary-General to enhance the operational capacity of UNCTAD as well as that of other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in their activities aimed at supporting recipient countries, and in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; and an enquiry was made about what steps, if any, UNCTAD would undertake to ensure that their activities were not duplicative of other United Nations activities aimed at supporting least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

11. Delegations noted with appreciation that UNCTAD had changed its work programme implementation strategy and redeployed staff and resources to

concentrate on assisting least developed countries in four primary areas, in line with the Millennium Development Goals.

12. It was noted that UNCTAD should base its analytical work on empirical studies of country experiences. Therefore, UNCTAD should use actual case studies of countries' success or lack thereof in dealing with globalization and interdependence, specifically focusing on what works and what doesn't, as performance indicators, rather than interventions from Member States. Further, the case studies should include narratives on areas such as debt, obviating the need for many of the recurrent and non-recurrent publications.

13. The view was expressed that the following phrase should be added at the end of the text of the objective of subprogramme 1A: "through policy research and analysis, as well as through technical cooperation assistance in the area of capacity-building and human resources development".

Conclusions and recommendations

14. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 12, Trade and development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Replace, in every paragraph where the reference is made, the phrase "the Millennium Development Goals" with the phrase "the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, as identified in section III of General Assembly resolution 55/2".

Paragraph 12.7

In the first sentence, replace the word "sectoral" with the word "national".

Paragraph 12.29 (a)

Before subparagraph (i), reading "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development", insert new subparagraph (i), reading "General Assembly: substantive servicing of and inputs to the High-Level Dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 57/250", and re-letter the subsequent subparagraphs of paragraph (a) accordingly.

Table 12.10

Under indicator of achievement (e), after the words "drawing on UNCTAD recommendations and the use of UNCTAD technical cooperation projects", add the words "that improve the area's trade, economic competition, enterprise development and investment climate".

Table 12.11

Under indicator of achievement (b), replace the words "Increased number of cross-sectoral activities" with the words "Significant increased number of cross-sectoral activities".

Table 12.15

Under indicator of achievement (a) (ii), replace the words "this area" with the words "the trade-related capacity-building area".

Paragraph 12.54 (a) (i)

After the phrase "multilateral trading system (2);", insert the phrase "contributions to the report on the implementation of the International Conference on Financing for Development concerning trade".

Annex

Retain the output contained in document A/56/6, paragraph 11A.31 (d) (i), entitled "Advisory services to developing countries to enhance their capacity to attract foreign portfolio investment funds, and to optimize their developmental impact", and the output contained in A/56/6 (Sect. 11A), paragraph 11A.43 (a) (i) (b), entitled "Inputs to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly reiterate its support for the creation of a division of management in order to strengthen the management and enhance the programme delivery capacity and performance of the UNCTAD secretariat.**

16. **The Committee recommended that UNCTAD continue to provide inputs, within its mandate, towards the process of the implementation of the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as assistance to least developed countries in preparing country programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227.**